

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
PROGRAMS, GRANTS & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

August 30, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Pam Hicks, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Pam Hicks, Linda Levell, Trevor Yager

Members via teleconference: Jon Ford, Al Rent

Members absent: Susan Hardwick, Judy Hess, Nancy Stewart

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Susan Britsch, Kristina Davis, Bobbie Garver, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Commissioner Pam Hicks called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of today's agenda and the minutes from the last meeting of the Program Evaluation Committee on June 22, 2012. IAC Commissioner Linda Levell seconded the motion. Roll call:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Levell	Y
Rent	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

3. **Review of Committee Charge.** The Programs, Grants & Services Committee replaced the Program Evaluation Committee for FY 2013 and onward. Ms. Hicks asked for discussion about the official Committee charge, and if there should be any changes made. It was determined that the Committee charge needed no changes.

4. **Appeal from Individual Artist Program Applicant.** IAC Community Development Manager Susan Britsch explained that one unsuccessful applicant for the IAP program had written a letter to IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci, appealing the decision of the grant review panel and asking for review. Ms. Britsch presented a handout (attached) detailing the appeal process, including the criteria for appeal of a funding decision. Also presented were a copy of the application and a printout of the panelists' comments. Discussion of the merits of the appeal followed. Ultimately it was decided that the applicant's score could not have improved significantly enough to have been included in

the top tier of applicants which were approved for funding. The application under review scored significantly below the cut-off point of 87 points, with many other non-funded applications above it. IAC Commissioner Al Rent moved to recommend to the full Commission that the original IAP Panel decision be upheld. Mr. Yager seconded the motion. Roll call:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Levell	Y
Rent	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

**5. Statewide Arts Service Organization (SWASO) Proposed Changes.** IAC Community Development Manager Kristina Davis presented a handout (attached) outlining proposed changes to the SWASO grant program. SWASO grants have traditionally been 2-year grants, but there have never been more than four organizations in a fiscal year to receive the grant, and for FY 2012-2013, there is only one. The IAC staff proposal is to roll the SWASO program and funds into the Technical Assistance Program grant pool, to provide funding for needed state-wide capacity building efforts. Mr. Yager moved to recommend approval of the changes in the SWASO program. Ms. Levell seconded the motion. Roll call:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Levell	Y
Rent	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

**6. Cultural Districts/Consultancies Update.** Ms. Davis briefly reviewed the IAC's Cultural Districts program, which to date has designated three Indiana communities as Statewide Cultural Districts. Many other communities aspire to attain the official designation but the criteria are demanding and a community must be able to demonstrate sustainability; some of these communities were approved to receive site visits and consultancies from experts in the field of community development. Funding for these consultancies is from the Technical Services grant pool. Ms. Davis reported that the meetings with eight communities have been on-going throughout the summer and will be finished this fall. Nine communities have submitted letters of intent to apply for certification as Statewide Cultural Districts.

**7. ArtsWork Update.** Ms. Davis, who is the IAC's Accessibility Coordinator, attended the 2012 Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability (LEAD) conference in Boston. She was a presenter at the conference, having been the IAC staff member who was responsible for the State of Indiana receiving the 2009 National Accessibility Leadership award.

**8. RAP/RIG Allocation Formula Committee Update.** IAC Community Development Manager Bobbie Garver reported that the ad hoc committee which is reviewing the Regional Arts Partner re-granting formula held its second meeting earlier this week. Mr. Ricci added that the meeting went very well. The committee is composed of Commissioners, former Commissioners, Regional Arts Partners, former Regional Arts Partners, and IAC staff. The meetings have been facilitated by Sara Peterson. The purpose of the review is to bring a greater level of consistency in re-granting funds to various organizations throughout the state. The committee has been working on a formula that considers the budget size of the applying organization, and the organization's application score. The new formula will affect Arts Operating Support Level II (AOS II), Arts Operating Support Level I (AOSI) and Arts Project Support (APS) grants. Also to be discussed in a future meeting of the committee will be the amount of the fees to be paid to the Regional Arts Partner organizations to administer the grants. Mr. Ricci will have a preliminary report for the full Commission at its next meeting on September 14. Mr. Ricci also reported that IAC's Governor's Intern Emily Helmuth is compiling data from an earlier survey by the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University, involving statewide expectations for arts and culture, and will make a presentation at the September 14 meeting.

**9. Capacity Building Update.** Mr. Ricci reported that the second phase of collaboration between IAC and Ball State University's Building Better Communities program is under way, with the community consultancies discussed earlier by Ms. Davis. Also in the planning stages is a Diversity Colloquium in collaboration with the states of Michigan and Ohio. Mr. Ricci was also excited to report that discussions are under way to develop a professional certification program for arts administrators, in collaboration with the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy and Fundraising School. He offered thanks to IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson, and IAC program staff members Susan Britsch, Kristina Davis and Bobbie Garver for their efforts in all of these collaborations. Ms. Hicks also had high praise for the IAC staff and its ability to juggle many projects at the same time for the benefit of the citizens of Indiana.

**10. Old Business – Arts in Education Update.** Ms. Britsch reported that applications are being accepted for 2013 Arts in Education grants. A state-wide arts education assessment is ongoing, headed by Bob Sabol at Purdue University. The 2013 Poetry Out Loud program is underway, and IAC has received a donation from the Rooker Family Foundation to support the program by funding in-school visits from the Indiana Poet Laureate Karen Kovacik. There was no other old business.

**11. New Business.** Ms. Davis reported that the Individual Artist Program for FY 2014 will include a category for artists with disabilities.

**12. Adjourn.** Mr. Yager moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Levell seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.